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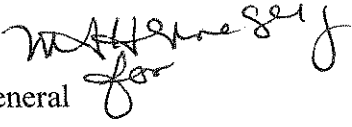
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MEMORANDUM FOR: United States Attorneys

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SUBJECT: Open Grant Program Solicitations from the Office of Justice Programs

The Office of Justice Programs (OJP) provides federal leadership in developing the Nation's capacity to prevent and control crime, administer justice, and assist victims. In this capacity, OJP administers the majority of the Department of Justice (DOJ) grant funding as appropriated by Congress. In an effort to keep United States Attorneys informed of open FY 2015 grant solicitations, we are providing the following information.

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FY 2015 Grant Program Solicitations

Bureau of Justice Assistance (BJA)

Solicitation Title: BJA, Law Enforcement and Missing Persons with Alzheimer's Disease

Who Can Apply? Applicants are limited to city, county, or Federally recognized tribal law enforcement agencies serving communities where a significant percentage of the population is aged 65 years of age or older. BJA welcomes applications that involve two or more entities; however, one eligible entity must be the applicant and the others must be proposed as sub-recipients. The applicant must be the entity with primary responsibility for administering the funding and managing the entire project.

What's It For? BJA will award funding to develop or expand community partnerships to support law enforcement in locating and assisting with missing persons with Alzheimer's disease and related dementias. The purpose of this program is to increase public awareness, and educate law enforcement and other public safety components, community partners, and caregivers regarding effective protocols when dealing with individuals with Alzheimer's disease.

When's It Due? Applications are due April 6, 2015.

Solicitation Title: BJA, Project Safe Neighborhoods (PSN) National Training and Technical Assistance Program

Who Can Apply? Applicants are limited to non-profit organizations, for-profit organizations (including tribal non-profit or for-profit organizations), institutions of higher education (including tribal institutions of higher education), faith-based organizations, and consortiums with demonstrated experience in addressing gun crime and anti-gang violence strategies. Only applicants with national level experience delivering training and technical assistance are eligible to apply. Consistent with OJP fiscal requirements, for-profit organizations are not permitted to make a profit as a result of this award or charge a management fee for the performance of this award.

What's It For? BJA will award funding to support training and technical assistance (TTA) providers that will develop criminal justice-related curricula and deliver TTA to state and local law enforcement agencies, other justice system agencies, and communities. The providers will also be responsible for supporting all aspects of the Project Safe Neighborhoods National TTA Program, a collaborative effort involving the following DOJ component agencies: Federal Bureau of Investigation, Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives, U.S. Marshals Service, Criminal Division, the Executive Office of U.S. Attorneys, and OJP.

When's It Due? Applications are due April 9, 2015.

Solicitation Title: BJA, Justice and Mental Health Collaboration Program

Who Can Apply? Applicants are limited to states, units of local government, Federally recognized Indian tribes (as determined by the Secretary of the Interior), and tribal organizations. BJA will only accept applications that demonstrate that the proposed project will be administered jointly by an agency with responsibility for criminal or juvenile justice activities and a mental health agency. Only the lead eligible agency is responsible for submitting the application in Grants.gov. This lead agency must be a state agency, unit of local government, Federally recognized Indian tribe, or tribal organization.

What's It For? BJA will award funding to support projects proposed by criminal justice and mental health partners to plan, implement, or expand a justice and mental health collaboration program serving individuals with mental illnesses or co-occurring mental health and substance abuse disorders who come into contact with the justice system.

When's It Due? Applications are due April 14, 2015.

Solicitation Title: BJA, Wrongful Conviction Review Program

Who Can Apply? Applicants are limited to the following two categories. For Category 1: public and non-profit organizations (including tribal non-profit and for-profit organizations) dedicated to exonerating the innocent, institutions of higher education (including tribal institutions of higher education), and state or local public defender offices are eligible. For Category 2: public, non-profit organizations and for-profit entities (including tribal non-profit and for-profit organizations) with experience and expertise in providing representation to wrongfully convicted defendants in post-conviction claims of innocence cases are eligible. Consistent with OJP fiscal requirements, for-profit organizations are not permitted to make a profit as a result of this award or charge a management fee for the performance of this award.

What's It For? BJA will award funding to provide high-quality and efficient representation for defendants in post-conviction claims of innocence. The program goals are to alleviate burdens placed on the criminal justice system through costly and prolonged post-conviction litigation, and to identify, whenever possible, the actual perpetrator of the crime.

When's It Due? Applications are due April 8, 2015.

Solicitation Title: BJA, Adult Drug Court Discretionary Grant Program

Who Can Apply? Applicants are limited to the following three categories. For Category 1: Implementation and Category 2: Enhancement, eligible applicants are states, state and local courts, counties, units of local government, and Federally recognized Indian tribal governments (as determined by the Secretary of the Interior) on behalf of a single jurisdiction drug court. For Category 3: Statewide, eligible applicants are state agencies such as the state court administrative offices, state criminal justice agencies, and other state agencies involved with the provision of substance abuse, mental health, or related services to criminal offenders, such as the State Administering Agency (SAA), the Administrative Office of the Courts, and the State Alcohol and Substance Abuse Agency.

What's It For? BJA will award funding to provide financial and technical assistance to develop and implement drug courts that effectively integrate evidenced-based substance abuse treatment, mandatory drug testing, sanctions and incentives, and transitional services in a judicially supervised court setting with jurisdiction over substance-abusing offenders. Funds may be used to establish new drug courts or enhance existing drug court services, coordination, and offender management and recovery support services. Funding for certain Veterans Treatment Courts are available through a separate appropriation in FY 2015.

When's It Due? Applications are due April 16, 2015.

Solicitation Title: BJA, Byrne Criminal Justice Innovation Program

Who Can Apply? Applicants are limited to states, units of local government, non-profit organizations (including tribal non-profit organizations), and Federally recognized Indian tribal governments as determined by the Secretary of the Interior. Program eligibility requires a consortium of partners (hereinafter referred to as “cross-sector partnership”) to plan or implement a targeted strategy addressing crime in a specific community. The cross-sector partnership must designate one eligible entity to serve as the fiscal agent.

What's It For? BJA will award funding to support crime reduction and community safety efforts as part of a comprehensive strategy to advance neighborhood revitalization. Successful applicants will target neighborhoods with statistically heightened vulnerability to violence (hot spots) and serious crime, and employ data-driven, cross-sector strategies to reduce crime and violence. Wherever possible and appropriate, applicants should partner (by braiding funding streams, contributing to policy development, etc.) with organizations engaged in revitalization of other community assets.

When's It Due? Applications are due April 20, 2015.

Solicitation Title: BJA, Justice Reinvestment Initiative: State-Level Technical Assistance

Who Can Apply? Applicants are limited to national-scope private and non-profit organizations (including tribal non-profit or for-profit organizations) and colleges and universities, both public and private (including tribal institutions of higher education). Consistent with OJP fiscal requirements, for-profit organizations are not permitted to make a profit as a result of this award or charge a management fee for the performance of this award.

What's It For? BJA will award funding to three national-scope entities to implement Justice Reinvestment Initiative activities at the state level. Applicants may propose to provide either data analysis and policy development, or implementation and sustainability assistance, or both. The goal of this program is to complete a multi-stage process in which a jurisdiction increases the cost-effectiveness of its criminal justice system and reinvests savings into high-performing public safety strategies.

When's It Due? Applications are due April 23, 2015.

Solicitation Title: BJA, Smart Defense Initiative Answering Gideon's Call: Improving Public Defense

Who Can Apply? Applicants are limited to state or local government agencies, independent boards or commissions, state or local public defender organizations, and other organizations, including non-profit and tribal non-profit organizations.

What's It For? BJA will award funding to enhance jurisdictions' ability to promote innovative strategies and provide quality representation to indigent defendants. Applicants are required to include a research partner/organization with criminal justice experience. The research partner/organization will assist in data analysis and problem identification, description, and definition; participate in strategy development; and provide ongoing assessment of the strategy and program impact.

When's It Due? Applications are due April 22, 2015.

Solicitation Title: BJA, Smart Defense Initiative: National Training and Technical Assistance

Who Can Apply? Applicants are limited to for-profit and non-profit organizations (including tribal for-profit and non-profit organizations), faith-based and community organizations, institutions of higher education (including tribal institutions of higher education), and consortiums with demonstrated experience providing national and local-level training and technical assistance. Consistent with OJP fiscal requirements, for-profit organizations are not permitted to make a profit as a result of this award or charge a management fee for the performance of this award.

What's It For? BJA will award funding to support a training and technical assistance (TTA) provider that will build capacity in the field and among individual jurisdictions selected to be Smart Defense sites. The successful applicant will deliver nationwide a wide range of TTA services including, but are not limited to, training sessions and educational sessions developed and conducted by relevant subject matter experts, and onsite or remote guidance on problem analysis, solution development, and evaluation methodology.

When's It Due? Applications are due April 8, 2015.

Bureau of Justice Statistics (BJS)

Solicitation Title: BJS, NICS Act Record Improvement Program (NARIP)

Who Can Apply? Applicants are limited to the agency designated by the Governor to administer the NICS Act Record Improvement Program (NARIP), the state or territory central administrative office or similar entity designated by statute or regulation to administer federal grant funds on behalf of the jurisdiction's court system, or Federally recognized Indian tribal governments as determined by the Secretary of the Interior.

What's It For? BJS will award funding to improve the completeness, automation, and transmittal of records used by NICS to state and federal systems. Such records include criminal history records, records of felony convictions, warrants, records of protective orders, convictions for misdemeanors involving domestic violence and stalking, drug arrests and convictions, records of mental health adjudications, and other records which may disqualify an individual from possessing or receiving a firearm under federal law. Helping states, state court systems, and tribes to automate these records will also reduce delays for law-abiding gun purchasers.

When's It Due? Applications are due May 7, 2015.

Solicitation Title: BJS, National Prisoner Statistics Program (NPS) and National Corrections Reporting Program (NCRP), 2015-2019

Who Can Apply? Applicants are limited to units of local government, Federally recognized Indian tribal governments (as determined by the Secretary of the Interior), national, regional, state, or local public and private entities, for-profit and non-profit organizations (including tribal for-profit and non-profit organizations), faith-based and community organizations, and institutions of higher education (including tribal institutions of higher education) that support initiatives to improve the functioning of the criminal justice system.

What's It For? BJS will award funding to support a data collection and analysis agent for the National Prisoner Statistics program (NPS) and the National Corrections Reporting Program (NCRP) for the data years 2015 through 2019. The NPS and NCRP are BJS's flagship data collections measuring the size and composition of state and federal prison populations on an annual basis.

When's It Due? Applications are due April 24, 2015.

National Institute of Justice (NIJ)

Solicitation Title: NIJ, DNA Arrestee Collection Process Implementation Grants Program

Who Can Apply? Applicants are limited to states with a designated existing crime laboratory that conducts analysis of DNA database samples. Recipients of FY 2014 DNA Arrestee Collection Process Implementation Grants Program awards are not eligible to apply.

What's It For? NIJ will award funding to assist states with costs associated with implementation of DNA arrestee collection processes, thereby helping to improve the capacity of laboratories that conduct DNA analysis of DNA database samples. Funding is available for states to develop and/or enhance the infrastructure(s) and process(es) needed to implement and sustain an arrestee DNA collection program.

When's It Due? Applications are due June 22, 2015.

Solicitation Title: NIJ, Using DNA Technology to Identify the Missing

Who Can Apply? Applicants are limited to states (including territories), units of local government, Federally recognized Indian tribal governments (as determined by the Secretary of the Interior), non-profit and for-profit organizations (including tribal non-profit or for-profit organizations), institutions of higher education (including tribal institutions of higher education), and certain qualified individuals. Consistent with OJP fiscal requirements, for-profit organizations are not permitted to make a profit as a result of this award or charge a management fee for the performance of this award. Foreign governments, foreign organizations, and foreign institutions of higher education are not eligible to apply.

What's It For? NIJ will award funding to assist eligible entities in performing DNA analysis on unidentified human remains and/or reference samples thereby supporting the efforts of states and units of local government to identify missing persons. Funding will also support review of DNA profiles and upload into the FBI's National DNA Index System.

When's It Due? Applications are due April 28, 2015.

Solicitation Title: NIJ, Evaluation of the Office on Violence Against Women's Sexual Assault Justice Initiative

Who Can Apply? Applicants are limited to states (including territories), units of local government (including Federally recognized Indian tribal governments as determined by the Secretary of the Interior), non-profit and for-profit organizations (including tribal non-profit or for-profit organizations), institutions of higher education (including tribal institutions of higher

education), and certain qualified individuals. Consistent with OJP fiscal requirements, for-profit organizations are not permitted to make a profit as a result of this award or charge a management fee for the performance of this award. Foreign governments, foreign organizations, and foreign institutions of higher education are not eligible to apply.

What's It For? NIJ will award funding to evaluate the Office on Violence Against Women's (OVW) Sexual Assault Justice Initiative. The OVW Sexual Assault Justice Initiative will fund up to eight sites to implement performance measures intended to gauge prosecution efforts in cases of sexual assault. The performance measures are intended to improve prosecutorial practices by targeting accountability-related outputs and outcomes rather than determining success by conviction rates.

When's It Due? Applications are due April 30, 2015.

Please review the requirements set forth in the solicitations above and encourage eligible entities to submit applications for funding. For more information, please visit OJP's website, www.ojp.gov. Open solicitations are posted at www.grants.gov and ojp.gov/funding/Explore/CurrentFundingOpportunities.htm.

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